

# The Reminder

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## DECEMBER

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: PAUL F. KEENER

**7** Speaker: John H. King, Member Senior Men's  
Subject: "Did You Know"

**14** Program: "Seaholm High School Madrigal  
Singers"  
Tom Weisiness, Director

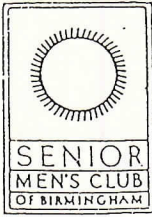
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## JANUARY

PROGRAM CHAIRMAN: CARL R. FREEMAN

**4** Speaker: Mike Dolan, Financial Planner for  
I.D.S. Financial Services

Subject: "Current Issues"



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## DISCUSSION GROUP

DECEMBER CHAIRMAN: PAUL FITZPATRICK

Dec. 7 Tom Kilgour: "The Monroe Doctrine"

Dec. 14 Chalmers Brown: "After Pearl Harbor"

JANUARY CHAIRMAN: JIM FLACK

Jan. 4 Frank Angelo: "Putting The Reminder to Bed"



## DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec. 11 Senior Men's Club Board Meeting, 9:30 a.m.

Dec. 12 Investment Club Meeting, 2:45 p.m.

DECEMBER 12 · 6 P.M. Christmas Party



It's a 260-person sellout, but there's a short waiting list, and the committee says there are always some cancellations. There'll be music, turkey with all the fixin's, pie and candlelight on Christmas-decorated tables. Seating: First-come, first-served.

Dec. 19 Computer Group meeting, 2:30 p.m.

Jan. 17 Golf for members and applicants at Golf Dome, 9:00 a.m. Dome is located on John R north of 12 Mile Road.

Bowling Mondays (except Dec. 24 and Dec. 31) 9:30 a.m. Thunderbird Lanes

Bridge Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. and Fridays after lunch

All events at Community House unless otherwise indicated

REMINDER DEADLINE: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21

# Officers Elected by Senior Men for 1991

PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_ Charles W. Williams  
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## Club's New President, a Detroit Native, Brings Probing Mind of Research to Job



Detroit area for his senior year in high school, which he took at Cranbrook. That was fortuitous since it enabled him to meet Mary Ellen Wendel, a Kingswood student, and they would eventually marry and have two sons, James and Robert, both attorneys.

Chuck did his undergraduate work at Princeton, earning a degree in mechanical engineering, then joined Chrysler and got a Master's degree in automotive engineering at Chrysler Institute. He worked for Chrysler for 22 years, first on experimental engines, later in charge of manufacturing for the Redstone and Jupiter missiles.

When those programs ended, he headed for Federal Mogul to run a research laboratory in Ann Arbor. He holds a couple of patents on bearings.

Williams is not given to a lot of moving around. He and wife Mary Helen have lived in the house on 1824 Pine since they had it built 41 years ago. For relaxation, Williams likes to play volley ball at BASCC, do what he can for the Senior Men's Club, and enjoy the things he can produce with his computer.

Don't be surprised if there's a lot of probing about how things are done by the Birmingham Senior Men's Club in 1991. Our new leader, Charles W. Williams, is the probing kind.

Williams is one of those rarities, a native Detroiter (Feb. 3, 1916) who spent a good part of his life guiding research projects at Chrysler and Federal Mogul.

Last month, he was elected president of the Senior Men's Club for 1991.

Although born in Detroit, on Marston Street, he spent his early years growing up in Nashville and Willmette, Ill., but he got back to the



Holiday seasons are times when organizations, as well as individuals, take time for gestures that say thank you in special ways. This is true of the Senior Men's Club which each Christmas salutes staff of The Community House and a very important group of women ... our luncheon hostesses.

They'll all be honored on Dec. 14 when the House staff will be introduced, but in the meantime, here's an introduction to our hostesses who include: Mrs. Chris Davenport, Mrs. Elaine Dobson, Mrs. Ruth Graham, Mrs. Helen Gibiser, Mrs. Doris Hayward, Mrs. Rachel Herbst, Mrs. Violet Hilton, Mrs. Carol Hollingshead, Mrs. Pipe Holmes, Mrs. Betty Jane Horn, Mrs. Elizabeth Howell, Mrs. Irene Kimbrough, Mrs. Barbara Hulbert, Mrs. Muriel Kreager, Mrs. Fran Limbocker, Miss Shirley Miller, Mrs. Betty Page, Mrs. Mary Stewart, Mrs. Christine Storfer, and Mrs. Grace Thorne.

We'll be serving all of them lunch Friday, Dec. 14.



High scores, high attendance, and a new treasurer, plus some special holiday cheer contributed by the Thunderbird Lanes people, made for an interesting month for Senior Men's bowlers.

George Atkinson volunteered (or did he?) to take over the treasurer duties of the late Kent Wonnell, whose death Nov. 11 saddened all of us.

We are still boasting about our high attendance and are especially grateful to our sub bowlers: Bob Boynton, Bob Erben, John Geggie, Blaine Gordon, Murray Hayward, Frank Hilton, Bob Light, Joe Maertens, Don McEachern, Carl Neppach, Tom Scott, Bert Swanson, and Sherwin Vine. Here's hoping there aren't too many snowbirds on this sub list.

As of Nov. 11, the following were our leaders:

**HIGHEST INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES:** Art Byington, 172; Dick Harper, 167; Norris Wetters, 166; sub Joe Maertens, 160.

There were no recent changes for individual or team high game and high series. Most significant change is in team standings. Team No. 11 is in first place with 27 points, closely followed by Team No. 2 with 26.5 and Team No. 12 with 25. The first half of the season should be very exciting for teams battling for first place.



Members of Team No. 11 are: George Kurchie, Lloyd Sturgeon, Charlie Breitmeyer, and Tom Bedford.

On Monday, Nov. 19, we had our Thanksgiving Holiday Cheers. The Thunderbird Bowling Lanes donated bottles of wine to be awarded to the bowler from each team with the most pins over average. Subs also were included. The winners were: Team No. 1 - Bert Henderson +89; No. 2 - Art Byington +100; No. 3 - Ray Swartz +55; No. 4 - Dick Harper +39; No. 5 - Ray Latovich +26; No. 6 - Joe Chalmers +69; No. 7 - Les Swanson +65; No. 8 - Ross Wagner +29; No. 9 - Harry Partridge +44; No. 10 - Fran

DeGrande +32; No. 11 - Lloyd Sturgeon -15 (the only team that did not have a bowler over average); No. 12 - Jim Odom +90. President Blaine Gordon with +30 pins over average was the winner among the subs.

The next Holiday Cheers Day will be Dec. 17. That also will be for bottles of wine donated by Thunderbird Lanes.

There will be no bowling on Dec. 24 and 31, off days for Christmas and New Years.

We wish all club members and their families a joyous Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Think bowling!

CHAIRMAN  
FRAN DEGRANDE



## Golfers Go 'Under Dome' on Jan. 17

It's time to start swinging again!

All golfers ... members and applicants ... are reminded that the first session under the dome will be on Thursday, Jan. 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. The gathering will be at the Golf Dome, John R, north of 12 Mile Road, and the cost is \$7.

Meantime, applicants,

particularly those who are heading south soon, should keep in mind that Chairman Joe Steele is accepting checks for the 1991 season. About 20 have already signed up, and the limit is 48. Happily, many new applicants are among those registering.

Final cost has not been established, but a check for \$85 will hold your spot in the Applicants Golf League.



Resourceful bridge enthusiasts persisted in pursuing their game despite an Art Show at The Community House and the "no meeting" date after Thanksgiving.

Activities were shifted to the Bloomfield Mature Minglers site on Oct. 19 and to the Unitarian Church on Nov. 23.

An average of 15 players participated in the rubber bridge Friday sessions with Bert Henderson's 4780 being the high score. Other high scores:

Henry Dawkins	3870
Baylor Sutton	3800
Larry Van Tuyl	3290
Herb Iugers	3250
Bert VanKampen	3190
Julius Falke	3130
Dick Beaubien	3040
Henry Dawkins	3000

High averages included Henry Dawkins (2295), Dick Beaubien (1888), Don Murray (1705), Baylor Sutton (1641), and Hockey Melikian (1576).

There were four slams in the period with Marty Hubbard and Bob Lotz and Bert VanKampen and Herb Lobers registering six diamonds, Bert Henderson and Julius Falke making six hearts, and Dick Beaubien and Henry Dawkins six clubs.

An average of 41 players sweated at the duplicate tables, with Wilbur Woods registering a 70% high for the period. He was followed by Clare Charon 68.8%, Harry Cyphers and Roy Hawkinson 65%, George Snider 63%, and George Schubering 51%.

Jim Peters and Zak Endress produced the only grand slam at seven no trumps, but there were 18 small slams.



## BRIDGE

The slammers were Bob Acosta with 4; Clare Charon, Ed Chamblis, Lee Busch, Len DeLila, Ed Moore, Art Burgott, and Bob Smith, two each; and Wilbur Woods, Ben Ewing, Roy Hawkinson, Larry Marchetti, Reid McCullough, Bill Pfeifer, Herb Christner, Joe Battner, Jim Fonda, Harold Merkel, Ted Schmidt, Dick Heldt, Omer Petti, Tom Dickson, Bob Hebert, Bill Alshouse, Larry Halloran, and Henry Bardsley, each with one.

Remember that all members and applicants are welcome ... in fact are urged ... to join us at the bridge tables.

PHIL WERNER FOR  
DON WAGNER, CHAIRMAN



## All Is Ready For a Great Yuletide Party

Once again we can look forward to the festive atmosphere of our Christmas Dinner Party on Wednesday, Dec. 12. The setting will be enhanced this year in the newly renovated Community House.

This is the chance for our ladies to get dressed up in their party dresses or long dresses if they like. Gentlemen will be wearing their suits or blazers and perhaps a colorful vest and tie. We really do not expect to see any tuxedos or tails.

We are also looking forward to the pre-dinner "happy hour" when we can socialize and meet our friends, while enjoying the heartwarming singing by four Sweet Adelines. Then following our sumptuous dinner, Mrs. Brose and her partner will play the memorable Nutcracker Suite on the grand piano for our listening pleasure.

Cash bar is open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 7 p.m., and contrary to our November "oops, no wine" report, table wine is available at \$11.95 per bottle. There also will be a non-alcoholic punch bowl for those so inclined.

Although reservations are filled, some cancellations may occur, so it probably would be a good idea to get your name on the waiting list. Please contact Phil Werner.

Parking meter locations are free after 6 p.m.

BEN ROOT AND DON CLARK  
CO-CHAIRS

# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

## KEEPING UP WITH THE SENIOR MEN

If you're making a list of things to do, don't forget to make a note that Senior Men's Club 1991 dues should be paid before Jan. 1.

Active members will be paying \$25, and there will be a mailing to all applicants who are being assessed \$5. This is a first time effort and the response should give us all an idea about how serious some of the approximately 380 on the waiting list are about becoming affiliated with the club.

### 1991 Schedule Is Completed

The schedule of meetings for 1991 has been firmed up. For those who want to mark their calendars, there will be NO MEETINGS on APRIL 12, MAY 17, OCT. 19, AND NOV. 29. Of course, there will be no August meetings, except for the picnic scheduled for Friday, Aug. 9. Next year's Christmas party will be on Dec. 11.

### Computer Group Plans Database

Producing a database for the entire Senior Men's Club was the topic of discussion at the November Computer Group meeting. Some helpful ideas were presented, and there will be further discussion at the session on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at The Community House, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

CLIFFORD LUNDGREN  
CHAIRMAN

### DEATHS

Otto Thomsen, Life Member, who joined in Feb. 1971  
John H. Zich, who joined in Oct. 1981  
Lee Durham, Life Member, who joined in Nov. 1968  
Kent Wonnell, who joined in Apr. 1985

### BECAME LIFE MEMBERS

Ross A. Wagner, who joined in Sept. 1971  
Paul S. Hosman, who joined in Nov. 1980

### NEW MEMBERS

			SPONSOR
Cole, Robert A.	10/90	644-5137	Ray Swartz
1226 Yorkshire	B	48009	
Fitzsimmons, Jerome	10/90	642-7642	Bob Brown
120 N. Glenhurst	B	48009	
Bowering, Harry	11/90	644-7639	Ray Swartz
1794 Melbourne	B	48009	
Garland, Frank W.	11/90	644-7686	Ross Wagner
1427 Villa Rd.	B	48009	

### RESIGNATION

Warren A. Wood, who joined in Sept. 1982

## Need Transportation? BASCC Sets up a R-I-D-E Program

No reason not to make a Senior Men's meeting or any important appointment if you can't drive. BASCC has developed a R-I-D-E program that makes available transportation for seniors and handicapped people residing in the Birmingham School District. It operates weekdays 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., and you can arrange for same by calling the BASCC office between 9 a.m. and noon on Monday through Thursday. Make your reservations two days in advance. There's a request for a \$1 donation each way.

When you call be prepared to provide name and telephone number, address and nearest cross street, destination location and phone, appointment time and estimated length, and any other special directions BASCC may need.

Of course, the service is available for medical, dental or other personal appointments, shopping, club or church meeting and activities at the BASCC Center.

### Investors to Get Word on Stocks

Concerned about what's going to happen in the stock market?

Don't be. Come and hear Don Richardson, of Roney and Company, speak about the "Stock Market Outlook" at the Investment Club meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 2:45 p.m.

Bob Hermann will chair the meeting at The Community House. It's open to all members, applicants, wives and guests.

BILL MacLACHLAN  
CHAIRMAN